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For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID )  
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T CELL INDUCIBLE FACTORS )  
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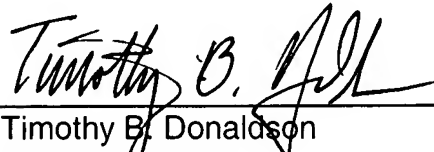
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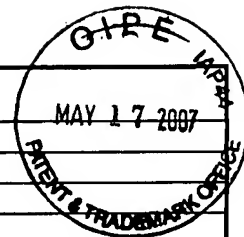
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